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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WU ET AL.

Examiner

Shawntina T. Fuqua

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Szekeresch et al (US6414280).

Szekeresch et al discloses a semiconductor manufacturing device/system/method comprising a process chamber (Figure 1), a thermal control subsystem having a processing infrared heating element (10) configured to generate a temperature profile (column 4, lines 42-45; line 61-column 5, line 15), thermocouples as temperature sensors (column 4, lines 42-45), a compensation thermal control unit/infrared camera/sensor to determine the process temperature profile and a desired temperature profile (column 4, line 61-column 5, line 25), a plurality of compensation heating elements (Figure 1) to alter the process temperature profile in response to the variation (column 4, line 61-column 5, line 25), the temperature is a function of time (column 5, lines 15-25), compensation heating element is configured to alter the process temperature profile by adjusting power delivered to the compensation heating element and the power is proportional to a quantitative difference between the process chamber temperature profile and the desired temperature profile (column 4, line 61-column 5, line 25). Szekeresch et al does not disclose a compensation heating element to alter the process chamber temperature profile.

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However, Szekeresch et al does disclose measuring the temperature associated with each heating element (10) comparing it to a desired temperature and adjusting/increasing the temperature of each individual heating element to attain a desired chamber temperature profile for uniform heating of the semiconductor which is capable of performing the same function of having a compensation heating element. In Szekeresch et al, each heating element compensates for itself.

Szekeresch et al does not disclose a heat lamp, a laser, and a heater wire as a heating element, in addition to, a thermistor as a temperature sensor. A laser, a heating wire, and a thermistor are conventional and well known in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included a laser, and a heater wire as an alternative means of heating, in addition to, a thermistor as an alternative means to measure temperature.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

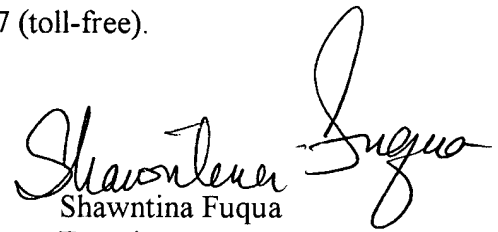
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawntina T. Fuqua whose telephone number is (571) 272-4779. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-4:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on (571) 272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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July 25, 2005


Shawntina Fuqua
Examiner
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